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Washington's 2005 Dry Edible Pea & Lentil Production Significantly Below Last Year

OLYMPIA, Wash., November 10, 2005--The results of a State and National survey in early November showed planted acreage of U.S. **dry edible peas** for 2005 at 808,000 acres, 52 percent above last year. Area for harvest, at 761,900 acres, is 50 percent above a year ago. Production, at 13.8 million cwt, is up 21 percent from the 2004 estimate. Washington experienced storms during harvest, which caused piles of swathed peas to blow away. Early drought conditions and storms reduced dry pea yields. Washington farmers planted dry edible peas on 80,000 acres, down 9 percent from 2004. Area for harvest, at 78,000 acres, is down 10 percent from a year ago. The production forecast, at 1.33 million cwt, is 36 percent below last year.

Planted acreage of **lentils** at the U.S. level for 2005 is estimated at 450,000 acres, up 30 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 432,000 acres, is up 31 percent from 2004. Production, at 5.10 million cwt, is up 22 percent from last year. Storms in some areas caused piles of swathed lentils to be swept away. Heavy rainfall from severe storms, followed by drought conditions, contributed to lower lentil yields, while weed competition resulting from a lack of chemical control also reduced yields. Washington growers planted lentils on 85,000 acres, down 11 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 84,000 acres, is 10 percent below a year ago. The production, at 756,000 cwt, is also below last year's 1,116,000 cwt.

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Dry Edible Peas: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield and Production, by States, and U.S., 2004-2005

State	2004				2005			
	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production
	1,000 Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	1,000 Acres		Pounds	Cwt.
Idaho	57.0	55.0	1,700	935	48.0	46.0	1,300	598
Montana	68.0	63.0	2,010	1,266	135.0	118.0	1,700	2,006
N. Dakota	310.0	296.0	2,340	6,926	540.0	515.0	1,900	9,785
Oregon	7.0	6.8	3,000	204	5.0	4.9	2,000	98
Washington	88.0	87.0	2,400	2,088	80.0	78.0	1,700	1,326
U.S.	530.0	507.8	2,249	11,419	808.0	761.9	1,813	13,813

Lentils: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield and Production, by States, and U.S., 2004-2005

State	2004				2005			
	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production
	1,000 Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	1,000 Acres		Pounds	Cwt.
Idaho	72.0	70.0	1,100	770	65.0	63.0	900	567
Montana	78.0	72.0	1,400	1,008	150.0	139.0	1,300	1,807
N. Dakota	100.0	94.0	1,370	1,288	150.0	146.0	1,350	1,971
Washington	95.0	93.0	1,200	1,116	85.0	84.0	900	756
U.S.	345.0	329.0	1,271	4,182	450.0	432.0	1,181	5,101

Dry Edible Peas: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, & Value, Washington, 1995-2005

Crop Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value Per Harvested Acre
	Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	1,000 Dollars	Dollars
1995	112,000	111,000	2,500	2,775,000	9.60	26,640	240
1996	109,000	108,000	1,300	1,404,000	11.60	16,286	151
1997	126,000	126,000	2,080	2,621,000	7.80	20,444	162
1998	108,000	108,000	2,170	2,344,000	7.80	18,283	169
1999	110,000	110,000	2,020	2,222,000	5.80	12,888	117
2000	65,000	65,000	2,100	1,365,000	6.00	8,190	126
2001	62,000	62,000	2,000	1,240,000	6.40	7,936	128
2002	76,000	76,000	2,000	1,520,000	8.85	13,452	177
2003	83,000	82,000	1,500	1,230,000	8.80	10,824	132
2004	88,000	87,000	2,400	2,088,000	2/ 6.80	14,198	163
2005	80,000	78,000	1,700	1,326,000	1/	1/	1/

1/ Preliminary price available February 15, 2006. 2/ Revised October 31, 2005.

Lentils: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, & Value, Washington, 1995-2005

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value Per Harvested Acre
	Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	1,000 Dollars	Dollars
1995	79,000	75,000	1,400	1,050,000	16.90	17,745	237
1996	63,000	62,000	1,100	682,000	17.20	11,730	189
1997	83,000	82,000	1,360	1,115,000	13.00	14,495	177
1998	62,000	62,000	1,350	837,000	11.80	9,877	159
1999	75,000	75,000	1,300	975,000	12.30	11,993	160
2000	85,000	85,000	1,500	1,275,000	9.80	12,495	147
2001	80,000	80,000	1,600	1,280,000	9.40	12,032	150
2002	80,000	80,000	1,400	1,120,000	15.20	17,024	213
2003	93,000	91,000	1,000	910,000	18.20	16,562	182
2004	95,000	93,000	1,200	1,116,000	2/ 14.90	16,628	179
2005	85,000	84,000	900	756,000	1/	1/	1/

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